GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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TESTING OF LAKSHYA
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lakshya has been successfully tested;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of benefits of the Lakshya?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On successful development by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Lakshya has been inducted by Indian Air Force and Indian Navy. These Lakshyas are fully operational with the users.

(c) Lakshya is a surface/ship launched high subsonic reusable aerial target system, remotely piloted from ground. It provides training to the gun/missile crew and to air defence pilots for weapon engagement. We have reached self reliance in this class of unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).